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At the Council Chamber in *Whitehall*, the 2d Day of *July*, 1696.

PRESENT,

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council.

WHereas by reason of the Recoining the Silver Coins of this Kingdom at this time, there is great Difficulty in the Exchange of Money, which may occasion a great Hardship upon the Labourers, and Poorer sort of People: Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council, taking the same into Consideration, have thought fit to Order, That the Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties of England and Wales, do frequently Meet in their Divisions, and Consult how they may Relieve the said Labourers and Poorer sort of People, and in Order thereunto to keep their Monthly and Petit Sessions, and therein take Care that the Methods prescribed by the Statutes made in the Three and fourtieth Year of Queen Elizabeth, and by other Statutes of this Realm, be effectually put in Execution, and to Consider of other Ways for Relief of Labourers, and the Poor. And Their Excellencies being also informed, That there have of late been several unusual Meetings of great Numbers of Persons in divers Parts of this Kingdom, It is further Ordered, That the said Justices of the Peace do Inform themselves of such unusual Meetings; and where they shall think the same may be Dangerous to the Publick Peace, that they take Care to Disperse and Suppress the same by proceeding against the Offenders according to Law, and particularly by Tendring the Oaths to such Persons, as the said Justices shall think Disaffected to His Majesty's Government.

Wm. Bridgeman.

THE Right Honourable the Lord's Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury do give Notice, That until the 25th day of this Instant July, pursuant to His Majesty's Letters of Privy-Seal in this behalf, any parcel or quantity of Clip'd or Diminish'd Pieces of Silver (lately Current Moneys) will be received at the Exchequer by way of Loan, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence an Ounce, and Tallies and Orders will be given for the same accordingly, with an Allowance of Interest at the Rate of 6 per Cent. and an Account will be taken and kept of the Deficiency thereof; And any Person minded thus to dispose of any Quantity lying by him, may repair to the Exchequer (within the time Limited) and receive further Satisfaction herein.

And Their Excellencies the Lords Justices have been pleased to Direct the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to expedite the setting up the Mints in the Country, and to Consider and Propose which way to make them most Useful for the Ease of His Majesty's Subjects.

Messina, *May* 8. *N. S.* This Morning arrived here the *Hopeful Jacob*, Capt. *Langhorne*, and the *Providence*, Capt. *Middleton* in 13 days from *Smirna*; They bring advice that two French Men of War were arrived at *Zeffalonia*, to Convoy home the Dutch Prize called the *Arsenal*, which was left some time ago in that Port, and a third Man of War was gone Convoy to several Merchant Ships to *Smirna* and *Constantinople*. Seven Galleys of *Malta* are come to *Reggio*, where they stay for the Pope's Galleys, that they may proceed together to join the Venetian Fleet in the *Levant*.

Leghorne, *June* 18. We have advice that three French Frigats sailed from *Thoulon* about the 29th of the last month, and that two Privateers of 24 and 14 Guns were gone out to Cruise. The 13th arrived here the *Gosfright*, Capt. *Stephen Appleby*, and the *Revenge*, Capt. *Pondgreen*, from *Cadiz* and *Alicant*: They left in the *Offin* two English Ships, the *Priscilla* and *Union Frigat* bound to *Smirna* and *Constantinople*.

Venice, *June* 22. The Senate have made choice of Signior *Soranzo*, one of their Ambassadors now returning from *England*, to succeed in the Embassy at *Rome*. Another Convoy, with several Companies of Soldiers will depart in 8 or 10 days for the *Morea*.

Turin, *June* 25. Things continue here in the same posture, as they were at the going away of our former Letters. The French lie still in their Camp near *Rivalta*; The Desertion and Sickness continue among them, and the Peasants do them a great deal of Mischief, so that their Army diminishes daily; The Duke of *Savoy* has ordered 4 Pistols to be given for every Trooper that Deserts with his Horse and Arms, to the Peasants who conduct him, and one Crown for every Foot Soldier. The new Works about this City are finished. The Forces of the Allies are Encamped within our Lines, and at *Moncalier*. A Detachment of our Troops attack'd some days ago one of the Enemy's Parties, consisting of 400 Grenadiers and 50 Dragoons, and routed them, killing about 20 upon the Place, and taking several Prisoners. The 22th we had advice that the French had made a Detachment of 4000 Horse and 12 Battalions of Foot; upon which a Body of Horse and Foot was likewise detached from our Camp to observe them; but it appear'd the Enemies Design was only to meet a great Convoy that was coming to their Camp from *Pignerol*. There happened some light Skirmishes, and several of the Enemy were killed and taken.

Vienna, *June* 27. The advices from *Hungary* give an account, That the Imperial Army having passed the River *Theysse* at *Segedin*, the Elector of *Saxony* held a Council of War, where it was resolved, that instead of advancing directly towards *Temeswaer*, the Army, for the Conveniency of Provisions, and to avoid the Difficulties of the Ways, should march along the *Maresch*, which was put in Execution accordingly; and on the 22th instant, they were Encamped near that River, about 4 or 5 days march from *Temeswaer*, where they had rested two days. Some Regiments had joined the Army in their march, and others were expected; 'Tis not yet certainly known what Enterprize they will undertake; The thoughts of Besieging *Temeswaer* seeming to be laid aside for the present. The Letters from *Turkey* say, The Grand Signior intended to set out from *Adrianople* the 19th of the last month; and that 'twill be towards the end of *July* before he can arrive with the Army in the Neighbourhood of *Belgrade*. The Emperor is sending an Ambassador to *Poland* to be present at the approaching Election, which as we hear is appointed to be the 26th of the next month. There are already several Candidates talked of.

Francfort, *July* 4. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* having received several Reinforcements, Decamped the 29th past from *Steppach*, and marched towards *Wiseloch*, having by our last advices his head Quarters at *Flehingen*; The French Army, upon the first notice of his march, approached towards the *Rhine*, and with all the Diligence they could repass'd that River at *Philipsburg*, and Encamped near *Spire*. The Troops of *Munster* have passed the *Necker*, in order to join the Army of the Allies.

Cologne, *July* 6. The Troops of *Holstein*, to the number of 2000 Men, passed the *Rhine* on Tuesday last at *Keyserwaert*, and are marched towards the *Meuse*.

Hamburgh, *July* 6. The *Assistance*, Capt. *Robinson*, and *Pearle*, Men of War, arrived yesterday in this River with all the Merchant Ships under their Convoy from *England*: Rear Admiral *Benbow*, after having seen them safe in, stood off to Sea again. The last Advice we had of *du Bart*, was that of his being gone to *Norway*. The Elector of *Brandenburg* is sending an Ambassador to *Poland*.

Paris, *July* 6. We have an account by the last Letters from *Brest*, That the Mareschal *d'Estrees* had formed several Battalions of the Soldiers that were on board the Fleet,